



## **Housing Plan Implementation Committee**

### **Minutes**

Date: 5/17/17

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: Town Hall Annex Conference Room, First Floor

Present: Samara Kleyman, Katie Einstein, Ann Woodward, Lourie August, Patrick Murphy, Kate Casa, Laura Wiener and Jenny Raitt (staff)

Laura reported on housing related articles that passed Town Meeting. There were some adjustments of driveway and parking requirement in single and 2-family districts, and a requirement for lot area per development unit was removed in mixed use properties, which would allow more units and diverse unit sizes in the same building footprint.

Ann reported on accessible housing in Arlington. She consulted the Accessible Housing Registry through CHAPA and found 13 accessible units registered in Arlington. This may not reflect all of the accessible units in Town. Drake Village and other AHA elderly units are reflected on the list. HCA includes accessible units in all their projects. Could use more units, and better reporting of units onto the Registry.

Kate reported on accessory apartments. ARB proposed a bylaw to allow accessory apartments in 2012 that did not pass. Newton, Lexington, and Needham recently voted to allow them. Lexington and Newton allow it by right. Newton reports 8-10 per year. This housing form hits a lot of our values. Could help seniors age in place, create smaller units, with informal affordability. Helps Town retain diversity of housing and population. Supports multi-generational families. For next month, outline different requirements and policy choices. Need to assess demand. Possible survey. Build a coalition for support.

Patrick reported on Life Estate/Community Land Trust model of ownership. Involves separation of the value of the land and structure. Takes land out of the private market. Existing owner sells, non-profit buys and then sells house with a deed restriction. Suggested a pilot project. Do we need a Housing Trust Fund to do this?

Katie reported on community education and coalition building. After doing some research on public participation at ARB and ZBA meetings, she noted that there is often opposition at the neighborhood level but Town wide support for affordable housing. General consensus is that both are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.